

Lakewood - On Saturday March 8th, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez invited area residents to her district office open house.

“My staff and I have been hard at work since day one in January, but we wanted to get some paint on the walls and some carpet on the floors before we invited residents to see the office.”

Sanchez’ district office is located in the city of Lakewood, just two blocks south of the Long Beach airport at 4007 Paramount Blvd. Suite 106, CA 90712.

An estimated 700 people attended the open house to meet Congresswoman Sánchez, her staff and to see the new office. Joining the Congresswomen at the event were members of her family, including her sister Congresswoman Loretta Sánchez (CA-46). Other elected officials in attendance included Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (CA-38) as well as members from the various city councils and school boards in Sanchez’ district

The entire city council of Hawaiian Gardens attended, including Mayor Michiko Oyama-Canada, and council members John Heckerman, Betty Schultze, Petra Prida, and Leonard Chaidez.

From Paramount, council members Manuel Guillen, Dianne Martinez, and Henry Harkema were present and from Lynwood, council member Ramon Rodriguez attended. Representing Lakewood were Mayor Larry Van Nostran and council member Wayne Piercy.

The mayor of Artesia, John Lyon, and council member Larry Nelson came out to show their support, along with Long Beach city prosecutor Tom Reeves and council member Val Lerch. Also present was city manager Steve Helvey from Whittier.

School board representatives included board members Domitila Aguilar, Martina Rodridguez, and Clerk of the Board Rachel Chavez, all from Lynwood Unified School District.

From Los Nietos School District, located in Whittier, board member Gloria Duran attended along with Cathy Warner, the board president of the Whittier Union High School District. Celia Spitzer of the ABC School Board, serving Artesia, Bellflower, and Cerritos was also in attendance.

“My office is here to help the families of the 39th district solve their problems. I want people to know where we are located. I want them to know our staff and know they can stop by in case they have any problems,” said Sánchez.

Sánchez’ office stands ready to assist residents with Social Security matters, student financial aid, military academy appointments, as well as immigration and citizenship issues. The staff can even help residents expedite passport applications and secure special tour reservations for places of interest in Washington, D.C.

In addition to her district office, Sánchez is going to local communities and meeting with residents in their neighborhood. “I want to make it easy for constituents to meet with me. That’s

why I have instituted ‘community office hours’ where I set up shop in front of local businesses, grocery stores, or libraries.” These community office hours allow people to voice their opinions and concerns in a place that is convenient for them.

A concise summary outlining Linda’s accomplishments since taking office was released at the district open house. Sánchez has already secured .7 million in funding for projects in the district, and is continuing her hard work to help our communities.

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez thanked the crowd and announced her official committee appointments for the upcoming legislative year. “I have been appointed to the Judiciary Committee, Government Reform Committee, and earlier this month secured a spot on the Small Business Committee.”